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1. It has been ascertained that Roberto Morena had the two following missions to fulfill during his stay in Guayaquil:
  - a. To organize a local committee for the "Peace and Democracy Movement". This group, although officially headed by liberals, conservatives, and intellectual, is entirely controlled by local Communist leaders.
  - b. To attempt to revitalize the Communist organization in Guayaquil and to stress the need for added strength in view of the approaching all-out battle against imperialistic interests in Latin America.
2. Morena was particularly successful in accomplishing the first objective. On 9 November leaders of the movement were elected at an open meeting. The fact that no Communists appear on the list of the directorate was intentional. Morena expressly wanted a non-Communist front for the group. Enrique Gil Gilbert, one of the Regional leaders with whom Morena stayed in Guayaquil, was of the opinion that such a front organization would be extremely important to the Party later on. However, such Communists as Enrique Gil Gilbert, Alberto Ordenana, Carlos Fernando Blum, and Franklin Perez Castro were among the charter members.
3. In carrying out the second objective, Morena achieved positive results by contacting virtually every important Communist member in Guayaquil. He attacked the apathy of the cell members in general and demanded a better coordination of effort among the leaders. Several leaders were threatened with expulsion from the Party if they did not offer more cooperation to Gil Gilbert, one of the Regional leaders.
4. With regard to the last statement, it was revealed that Morena has international authority to expel members and to make any reorganization of the local parties that he feels necessary.

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